

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following:

[0040] Following Complement activation, a C5 convertase is produced which cleaves the alpha chain of factor ~~C6~~ C5 generating a fragment of approximately 70 amino acids (aa), known as C5a, and a C-terminal fragment of 925 aa, C5b. The products resulting from C5 activation, C5a and C5b, are biologically active. In particular, C5a has chemotactic activity toward polymorphonuclear leukocytes and monocytes, whereas the C5b fragment contributes to formation of the terminal complement complex (TCC).